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David Edwin Thurston, et al.

Application No. 09/763,813

Confirmation No.: 3683

Filed: February 26, 2001

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"COLLECTIONS OF COMPOUNDS"

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant claims small entity status. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	26	0	X \$9	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	X \$42	0.00
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT ----		0.00

No additional fee is required.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for same.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to an Official Action, mailed September 10, 2002, please reconsider and withdraw the rejections based on the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims**

17. (Amended.) A compound of formula II:

